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Question of East Timor 1980

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that the international community is celebrating this year the twentieth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),

Bearing in mind that the Fith and Sixth Summits of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Sri Lanka and Cuba, in 1976 and 1979, respectively, reaffirmed the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Having examined the chapter and other relevant documents of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the territory,

Taking into consideration the recent communique of the Council of Ministers of Portugal, of 12 September 1980, in which the Administering Power reaffirms the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination,

Taking also into consideration the diplomatic initiative by the Portuguese Government with a view to find a ~~comprehensive~~ global solution to the problem of East Timor,

Deeply concerned at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation of hostilities still prevailing in the territory,

Having heard the statements by various East Timorese petioners and international experts, Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as the Representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente - FRETILIN,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the General Assembl resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled to freely determine their own future within the framework of the United Nations;

3. Welcomes the diplomatic initiative by the Portuguese Government as a first step towards the free exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence, and urges all parties directly concerned to cooperate fully with a view to create the conditions for a speedy implementation of the General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

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4. Expresses its deepest concern at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation still prevailing in the territory;

5. Request the World Food Program, the United Nations Childre'n Fund - UNICEF - and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR - to render, within their respective fields of competence, all possible assistance to the people of East Timor, particularly the children;

6. Requests the Secretary General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, on all aspects of the situation in East Timor, particularly, the political developments as related to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

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